



**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers**

Pittsburgh District

Public Notice

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Notice No. below

US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. 2003-862

Date: July 28, 2008

Notice No. 08-40

Closing Date: August 16, 2008

1. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

2. APPLICANT: Christopher Rodgers
Erie Municipal Airport Authority
4411 W. 12th Street
Erie, PA 16505

AGENT:
Michael Baker Jr., Inc.
Airside Business Park
100 Airside Drive
Moon Township, PA 15108

3. LOCATION: Millcreek Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania at the Erie International Airport (ERI).

4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to construct an extension of Runway 24 by 1,920 feet at Erie International Airport (ERI). The project consists of displacing the Runway 6 threshold 920 feet, and implementing standard Runway Safety Areas of 1000 feet beyond both runway thresholds. There will also be a parallel taxiway extension constructed with a 400 foot runway taxiway centerline separation. This project also includes relocation of Powell Avenue, modifications to the Millcreek Township Flood Detention Basin, potential impacts to the Millcreek Township superfund site, modifications to the Millcreek Township golf course, construction of stormwater management areas, residential and commercial acquisitions and relocations, aviation easement acquisitions, and obstruction removal. Impacts to two streams would be incurred in the amount of 3,100 linear feet. To mitigate, 3,200 linear feet of stream will both be constructed (using natural stream channel design) and existing channel will be re-established. Wetland impacts to palustrine emergent, shrub scrub, and forested wetlands is proposed to be 8.32 acres. Wetland mitigation is proposed and would be completed

off-site with 16.27 acres of wetland being created. All three types of wetland will be created on the site that will consist of two separate wetland complexes.

The purpose of the Runway 6-24 extension is to comply with Federal regulations regarding standard safety areas and to provide an adequate runway length of 7,500 feet. Drawings of proposed work are attached to this notice.

5. PENNSYLVANIA WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit will not be granted until Water Quality Certification is received or waived from:

PA Department of Environmental Protection
Northwest Regional Office
Soils and Waterways Section
230 Chestnut Street
Meadville, PA 16335

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. This Public Notice serves as a request to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

7. IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

8. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the

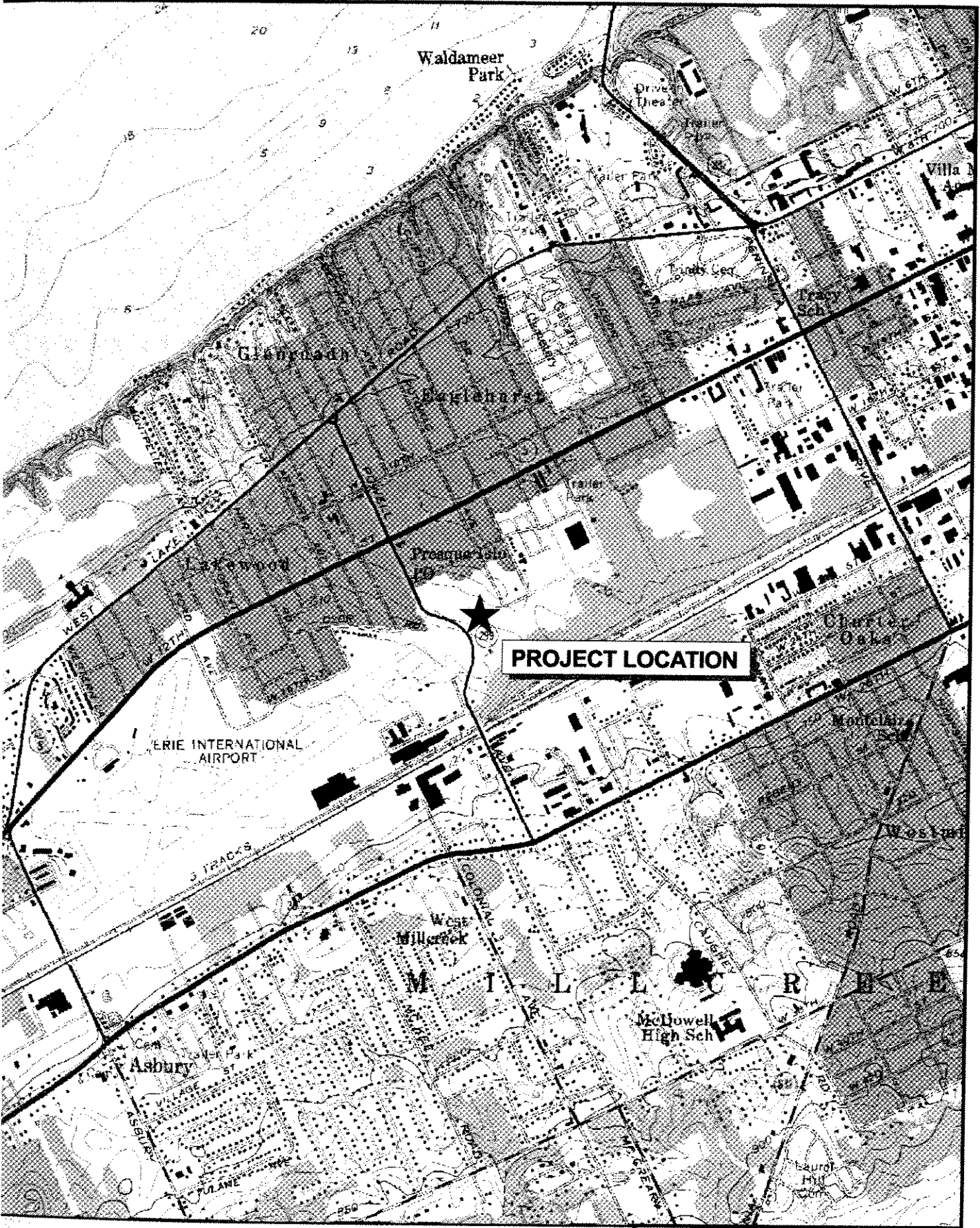
proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

10. **RESPONSES:** A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, ATTN Tyler Bintrim, at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7115, or by email at tyler.j.bintrim@usace.army.mil. In all responses please refer to CELRP-OP-F 2003-862.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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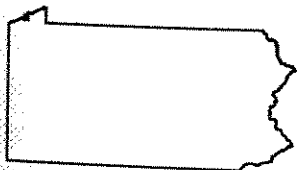
Scott A. Hans
Chief, Regulatory Branch



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Quadrangle Location

MAP SOURCE:
USGS. 1957 (Photorevised 1990).
Swanville, PA 7.5' Quadrangle.

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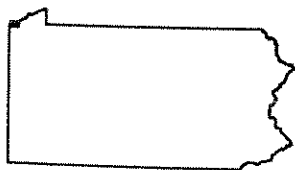
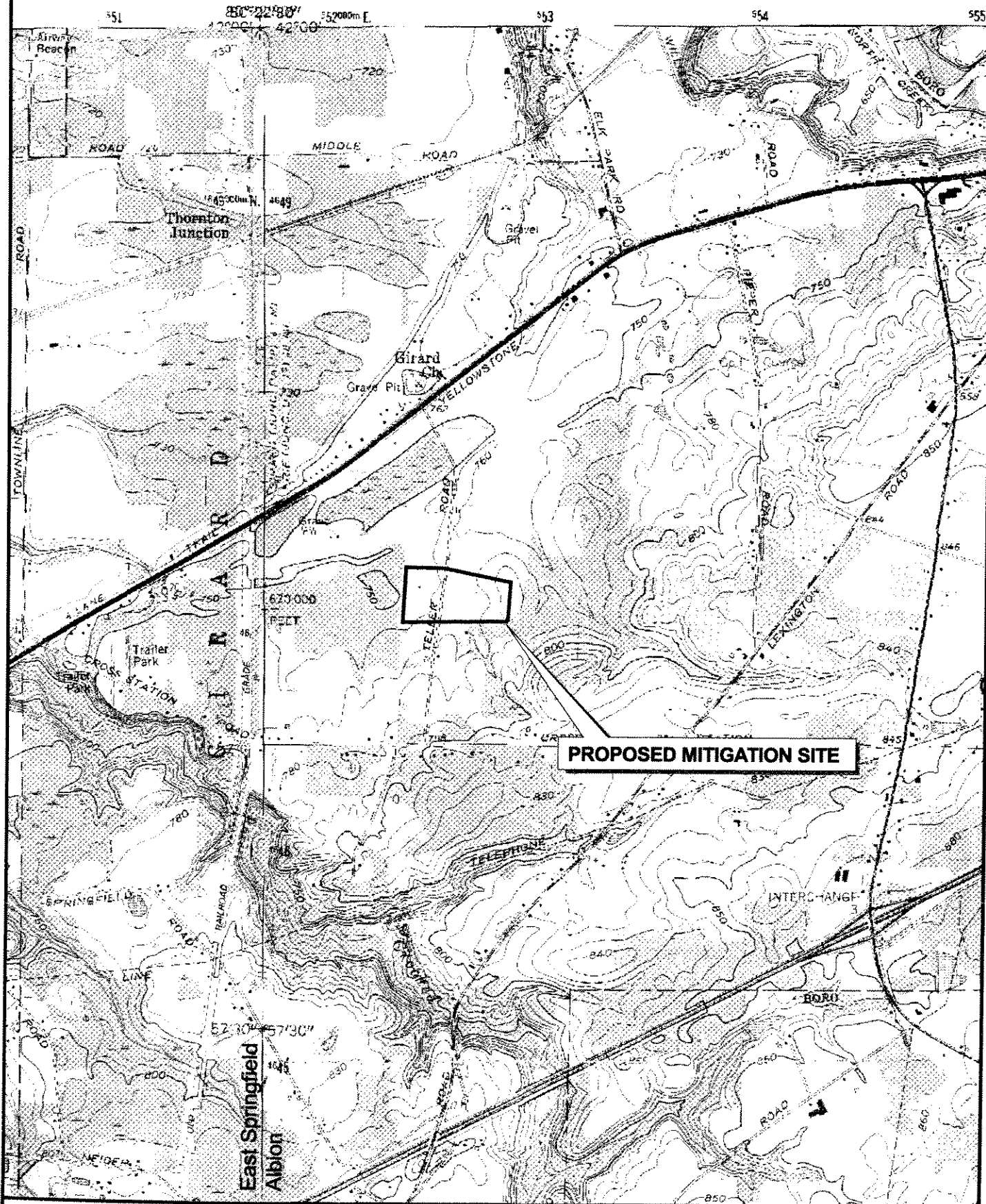
EXHIBIT 1

ERIE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
RUNWAY 6-24 EXTENSION PROJECT
PROJECT LOCATION MAP



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Quadrangle Location

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USGS. 1959 (Photorevised 1990).
Albion, PA 7.5' Quadrangle.
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East Springfield, PA 7.5' Quadrangle.

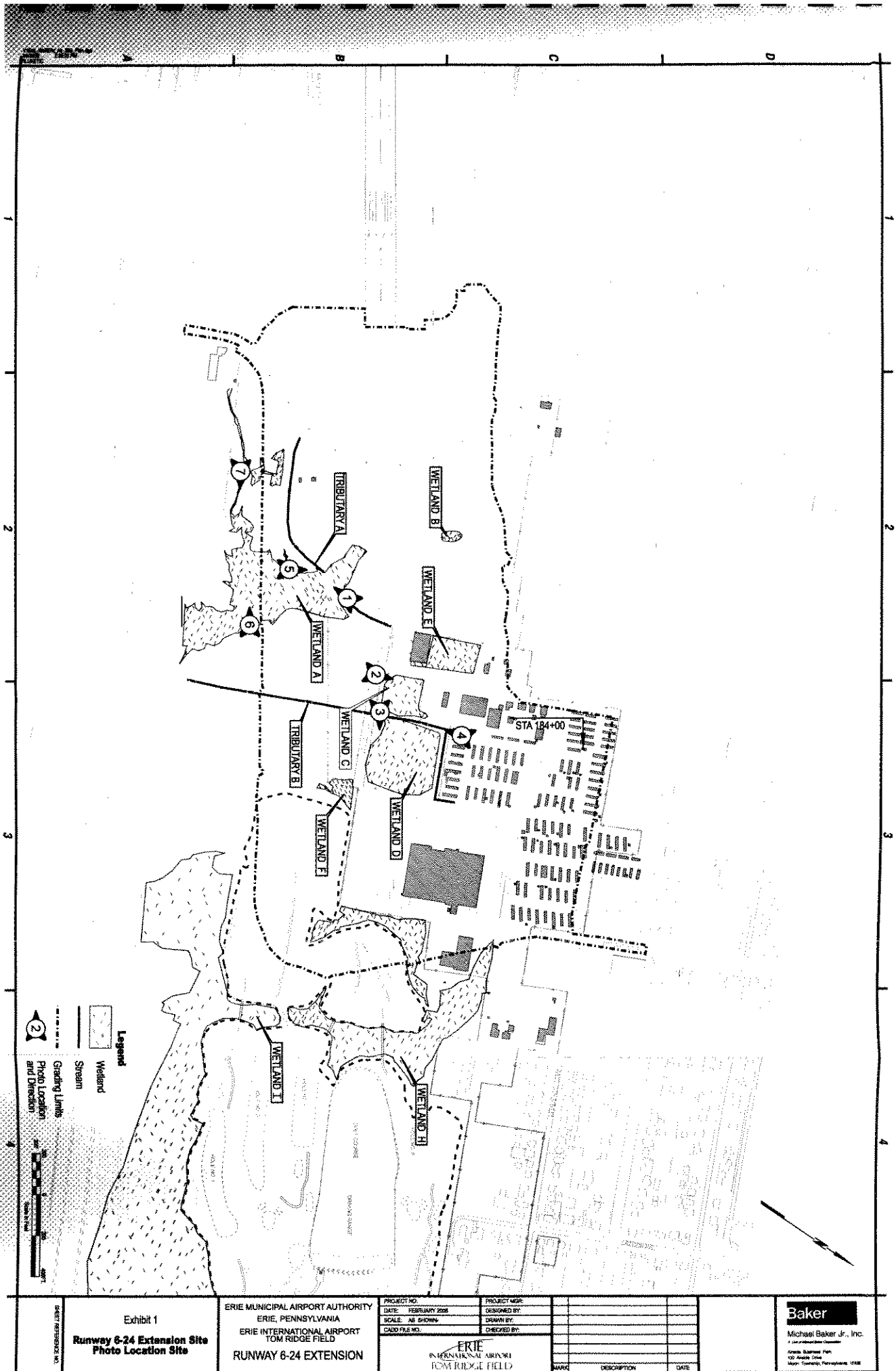
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WETLAND MITIGATION SITE



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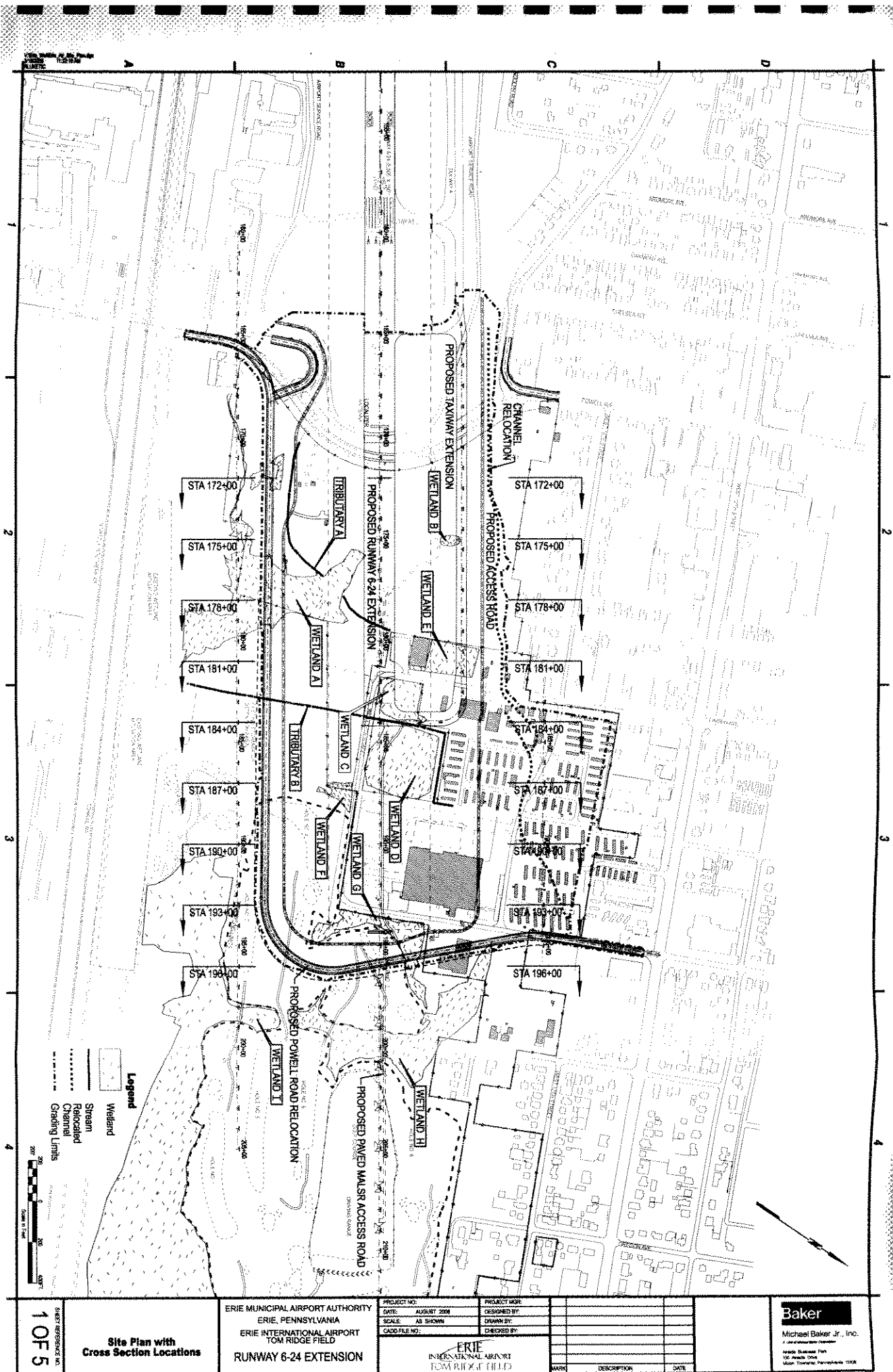
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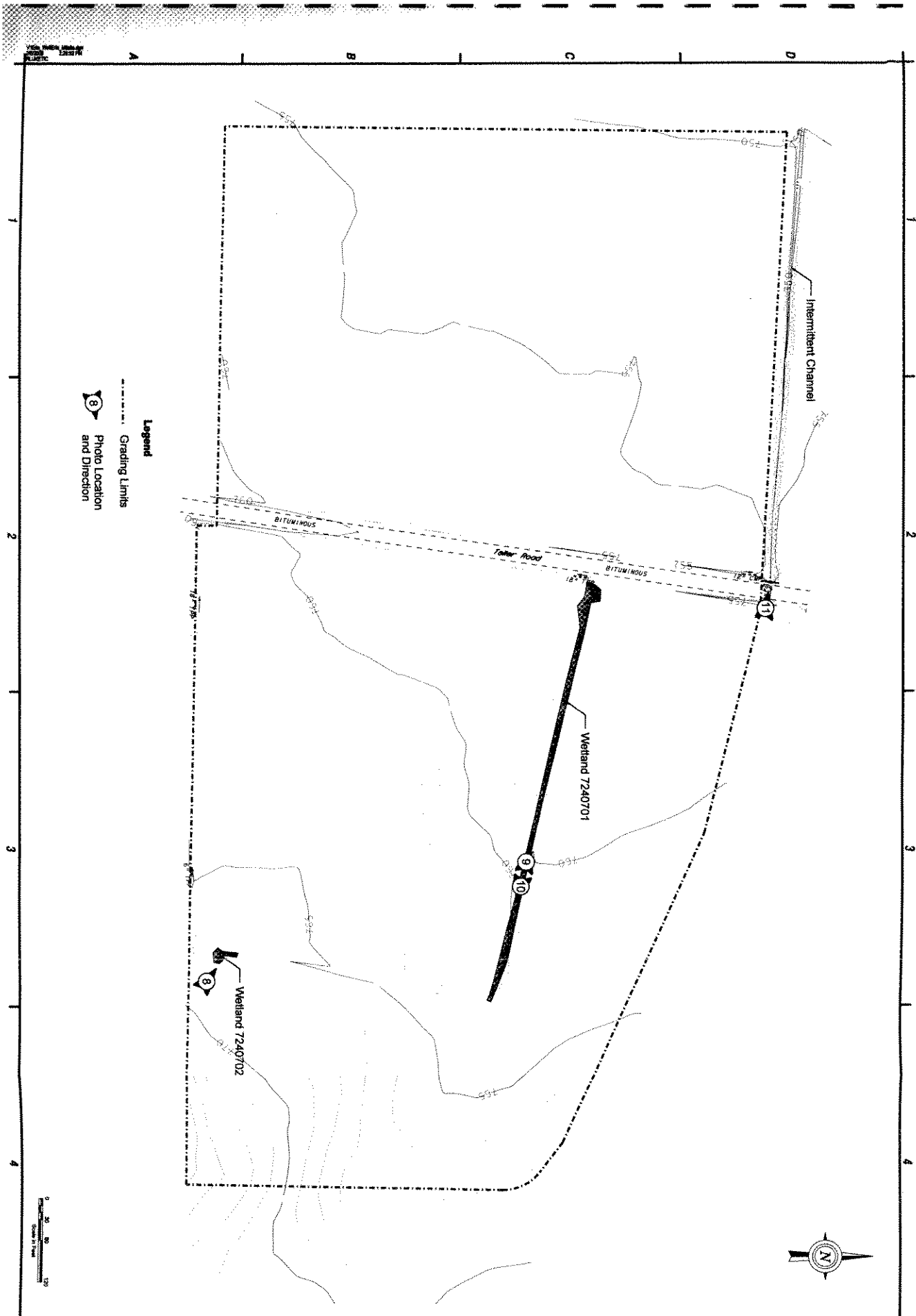


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Michael Baker Jr., Inc.
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 AEROSPACE BUILDING
 100 AEROSPACE DRIVE
 HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35894





SHEET NUMBER: 100	Exhibit 2 Wetland Mitigation Site Photo Location Map	ERIE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA ERIE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TOM RIDGE FIELD RUNWAY 6-24 EXTENSION	PROJECT NO.	PROJECT MGR.		Baker Michael Baker Jr., Inc. Aerial Surveys, Inc. 100 Apple Drive North Tonawanda, Pennsylvania 14120
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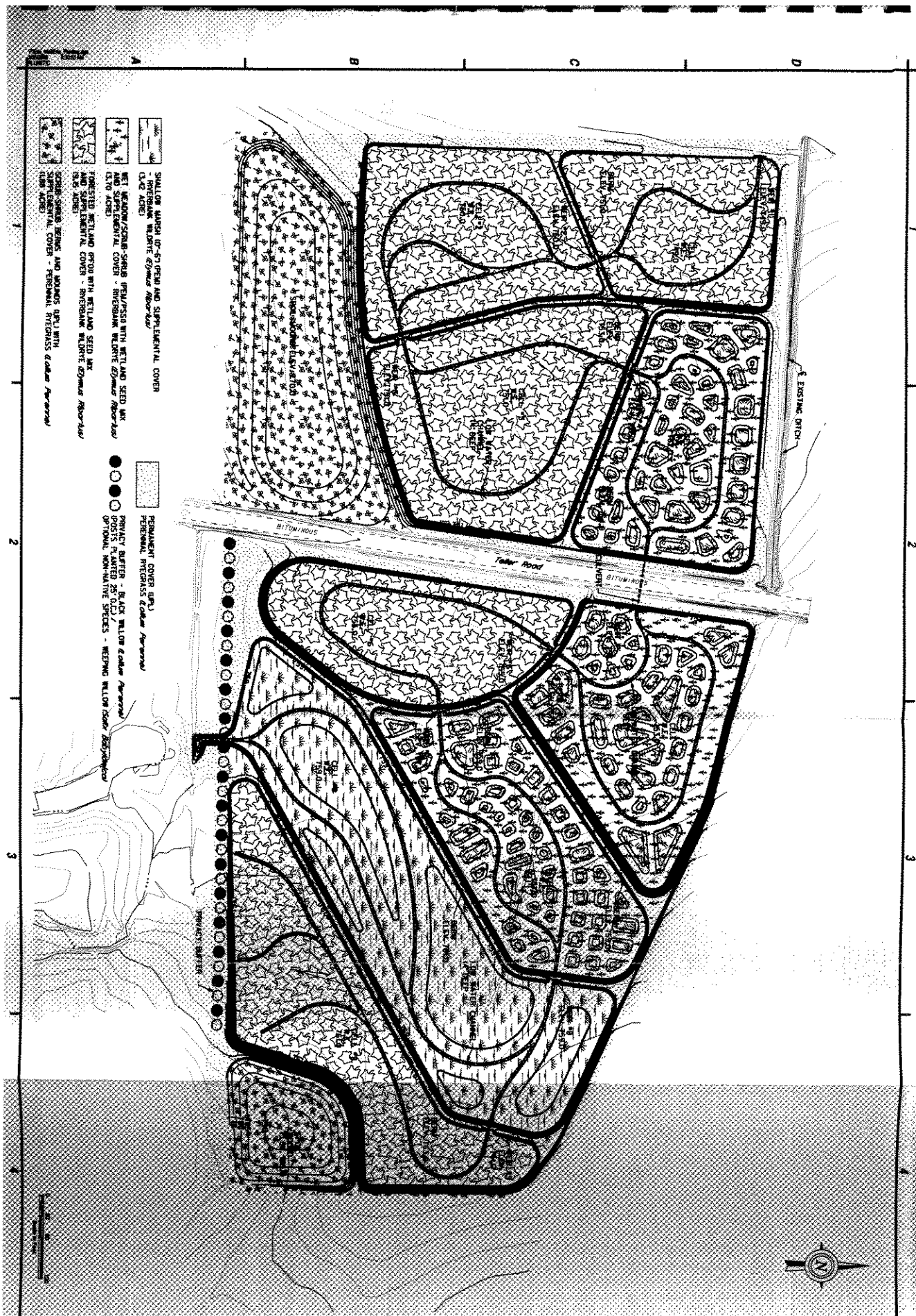


Exhibit 5 Proposed Wetland Mitigation Plan Planting Plan	ERIE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA ERIE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TOM RIDGE FIELD RUNWAY 6-24 EXTENSION WETLAND MITIGATION PROJECT	PROJECT NO.: DATE: SCALE: GRID FILE NO.:	PROJECT NAME: DESIGNED BY: CHECKED BY:	Baker Michael Baker Jr., Inc. 1000 Lakeside Drive Erie, PA 16510 814/398-0000
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